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Statement of the Substance of the Interview Conducted August 3, 2004

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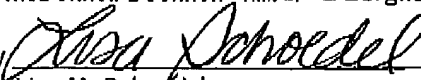
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Respectfully Submitted,
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STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW CONDUCTED AUGUST 3, 2004

Dear Sir:

Applicant respectfully requests that the following Statement of the Substance of the Interview conducted on August 3, 2004 be made of record in this case. An Interview Summary form was mailed by Examiner Sotomayor with the Office Action mailed August 31, 2004. Because Applicant's Statement must be filed by one month from the mailing date of the Interview Summary form, Applicant believes that this Statement is timely filed.

Participants of the interview included Examiner Sotomayor, Applicant Brent Townshend, Jared Bernstein, and Applicant's representatives Matthew Sampson and Lisa Schoedel. No exhibits were shown nor demonstrations conducted. The participants discussed Claim 30 as well as U.S. Patent 6,077,085. Further, the participants discussed how a user's reading skill is evaluated. Examiner Sotomayor indicated that the cited references did not teach evaluating a user's reading skill as

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described in Applicant's specification. Applicant's representative expressed a desire to submit a preliminary amendment to more distinctly claim the manner in which the user's reading skill is evaluated. As a result of the interview, no agreement with respect to the claims was reached.

Respectfully submitted,

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